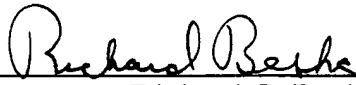


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By the foregoing amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 17, 19, 20 and 24 in favor of claims 13, 15, 16 and 23 which have been formally allowed. Accordingly, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of the formal allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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